

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)
Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council
Monday, December 7, 2015
Minutes – Official

The December 7, 2015 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 1:16 P.M.

Members present were: Capt. Stacy Barrett, Ms. Maria Blanco, Ms. Melanie Bronfin, Ms. Contessia Brooks, Dr. Jeanne Burns, Ms. Carole Elliot, Mr. James Evans, Ms. Linda Lambert, Ms. Jodi Loar, Ms. Kim Matherne, Ms. Paula Polito, Ms. Cindy Rushing, Ms. Brenda Sharp, Mr. John Warner Smith, Dr. Roberta Vicari, Mr. Kahree Wahid, and Ms. Carynn Wiggins, Mr. Alan Young. Ms. Robbie Gray served as a proxy for Ms. Bonnie Buckelew, Ms. Stesha Ramperstead served as a proxy for Mr. Carey Foy, Ms. Cindy Bishop served as a proxy for Ms. Lois Jordan, and Ms. Leslie Lewis served as a proxy for Ms. Amy Zapata. Senator Conrad Appel, Representative Regina Barrow, Representative Steve Carter, Ms. Gina Young Cahee, Mr. Steve Gogreve, Mr. Albert Mancuso, Dr. David Perry, and Mr. Anthony Recasner were absent.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education was Jenna Conway.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ms. Cindy Rushing.

Ms. Loar made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Ms. Loar, and seconded by Ms. Polito, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the November 9, 2015 meeting of the Council.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the HCR 174 Funding Report consultation, and an update on the Early Childhood Funding Model.

- 2 On motion of Mr. Smith, and seconded by Dr. Burns, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the proposed guiding principles for the implementation of the Early Childhood Funding Model with the following recommendations:
 - The guiding principles should include language that indicates a focus on improving child learning and development.
 - The guiding principles should indicate that current levels of the School Readiness Tax Credits (SRTC) should be maintained and maximized.

- The guiding principles should include clarification that all principles are for the 2016-2017 year.
- The Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council should be authorized to form an ad-hoc working group of Advisory Council members, chaired by Mr. Smith, to study potential budgetary options to fully or partially implement the Early Childhood funding model in 2016-2017, and to report back to the Advisory Council at the January meeting.

3 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Wiggins, and with no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the December 7, 2015 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 2:33 P.M.